

SENATE BILL 1450

By Jackson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation
settlements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-206, is amended by deleting
subdivision (c)(4) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(4) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall approve or
reject settlements submitted to the department within five (5) business days of
receiving the settlement. Such review and approval or disapproval shall be
provided in the regional offices of the division or such other location agreed to by
the parties and the division. If the commissioner or the designee does not
approve or reject the settlement within five (5) business days, either party may
submit a copy of the signed settlement to any court with jurisdiction to hear the
underlying workers' compensation claim. If the injured employee is not
represented by counsel, the review shall be conducted in person.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.